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SUBJECT: PRIME MINISTER RAMGOOLAM'S WISH TO MEET WITH
PRESIDENT CARTER

REF: PORT LOUIS 562

1. WE REGRET THAT ALL YOU CAN TELL PRIME MINISTER AT THIS
STAGE IS THAT IT WILL NOT BE POSSIBLE TO JUDGE THE FEASI-
BILITY OF SUCH A MEETING UNTIL MUCH CLOSER TO THE DATE.

2. FYI: WE ARE WELL AWARE THAT RECENT EVENTS IN THE
SEYCHELLES, WHICH CREATE SOME UNCERTAINTY OVER OUR
CONTINUED ACCESS TO THE PORT AND OTHER FACILITIES THERE,
HAVE HEIGHTENED THE IMPORTANCE OF OUR MAINTAINING CLOSE
TIES WITH THE FRIENDLY GOVERNMENT IN MAURITIUS, WHICH
WELCOMES US NAVAL PORT VISITS AND SEEKS TO MAINTAIN A
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GENUINELY NON-ALIGNED FOREIGN POLICY. DEPARTMENT IS ALSO
AWARE THAT A MEETING WITH PRESIDENT CARTER WOULD BE USEFUL
TO RAMGOOLAM IN THE DOMESTIC POLITICAL ARENA, WHERE HE AND
HIS GOVERNING COALITION ARE HARD-PRESSED BY THE MARXIST
MMM. AT THE SAME TIME, WE MUST REALISTICALLY NOTE THAT THE
INTENSITY OF DIPLOMATIC ACTIVITY EXPECTED DURING THE NEXT
UNGA AND THE MANY DEMANDS ON THE PRESIDENT'S TIME AT ALL

TIMES WILL MAKE FOR TOUGH COMPETITION FOR APPOINTMENTS
DURING THE PERIOD OF RAMGOOLAM'S VISIT. THE FACT THAT HE

WILL NO LONGER BE OAU CHAIRMAN DEPRIVES US OF ONE ARGUMENT
TO STRENGTHEN HIS CASE. NEVERTHELESS, WE ARE SYMPATHETIC
AND WILL DO WHAT WE CAN TO PRESS FOR THE REQUESTED MEETING.
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